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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SADAT

REF: STATE 61231

1. DROVE THIS AFTERNOON TO FAYOUM (IN HEAVY SAND-STORM) TO MEET WITH SADAT AND GAVE HIM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CITED REFTEL. AFTER I HAD READ IT TO HIM, I THEN CONVEYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S FURTHER THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS AS SET FORTH PARA 3 REFTEL.

2. SADAT WAS PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER AND ASKED THAT I CONVEY HIS THANKS TO PRESIDENT CARTER. HE INDICATED THAT HE IS GRATEFUL PRESIDENT CARTER WILL TAKE UP WITH PRIMIN BEGIN THE NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS AS ENVISIONED IN U.N. RESOLUTION 242 AND THE NEED FOR A JUST RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. THE CONCEPT EXPRESSED IN THE ASWAN LANGUAGE, HE REITERATED, IS AGREEABLE TO HIM. HE DID EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ALSO AGAIN TAKE UP WITH PRIMIN BEGIN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENTS. THESE ARE AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE. SADAT SAID HE APPRE-CIATED OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STANCE ON THIS MATTER, BUT THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT IT BE REAFFIRMED DURING
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THE BEGIN VISIT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE ORAL PARTS OF THE MESSAGE, SADAT SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE RESTON ARTICLE, BUT WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD LIKED IT AND THOUGHT IT A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION. HE AGREED TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE TYPE WE SUGGEST ON MONDAY AND ASKED

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THAT AFTER MY RETURN TO CAIRO I GET IN TOUCH WITH FONMIN MOHAMMED KAMEL TO REQUEST LATTER TO DRAFT SUCH A STATEMENT FOR SADAT'S USE. THE STATEMENT WILL REAFFIRM HIS COMMITMENT TO U.N. RESOLUTION 242 AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION AND WILL STRESS PRINCIPLE OF WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS AND PARALLEL COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL STATES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING ISRAEL, AS ENVISIONED IN 242. SADAT FELT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE THE LATTER POINT IN TERMS OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA, BUT WITH A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ISRAEL.

4. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KAMEL TO TELL HIM ABOUT MY TALK WITH SADAT AND TO CONVEY THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. HE WILL DRAFT STATEMENT AND SUBMIT IT TO SADAT FOR ISSUANCE BY THE PRESIDENT ON MONDAY. EILTS

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